

## **IFPS15.3 Alpha/Beta Site Feedback Assessment Form (March 5, 2004)**

**Introduction:** IFPS15.3 has entered alpha/beta testing at a limited number of National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Offices (WFO). Each alpha/beta site should complete and return the form below. By returning the completed form, OST will be better able to understand your assessment of IFPS15.3 (see <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/IFPS15.3/IFPS15.3.html>) and also better able to make a decision regarding baseline deployment of this release.

The form deals with the following items:

- IFPS15.3 installation
- GFE testing
- IFPS testing

Every alpha/beta site should **complete and return this assessment form within 3-days of installing IFPS15.3 or as soon as possible, after installing IFPS15.3 .**

To respond via e-mail, simply edit this WordPerfect file by filling in your answers below. Replace the letters “WFO” in the filename with your site-id. For example, if you were site GGW, you would change the file name as follows:

- **from** WFO\_Assessment\_for\_IFPS\_15.3.wpd
- **to** GGW\_Assessment\_for\_IFPS\_15.3.wpd

After changing the filename as indicated, send it as an email message attachment to the following people:

1. [Carl.Mccalla@noaa.gov](mailto:Carl.Mccalla@noaa.gov)
2. [Matthew.Peroutka@noaa.gov](mailto:Matthew.Peroutka@noaa.gov)
3. [Robert.Rood@noaa.gov](mailto:Robert.Rood@noaa.gov)
4. [I.Ross.Dickman@noaa.gov](mailto:I.Ross.Dickman@noaa.gov)
5. [Jeffrey.Manion@noaa.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Manion@noaa.gov)
6. [Carl.Gorski@noaa.gov](mailto:Carl.Gorski@noaa.gov)
7. [Jack.Settelmaier@noaa.gov](mailto:Jack.Settelmaier@noaa.gov)
8. [Salvatore.Romano@noaa.gov](mailto:Salvatore.Romano@noaa.gov)
9. [Duane.Carpenter@noaa.gov](mailto:Duane.Carpenter@noaa.gov)
10. [Ken.Waters@noaa.gov](mailto:Ken.Waters@noaa.gov)
11. [Manan.Dalal@noaa.gov](mailto:Manan.Dalal@noaa.gov)
12. [I.Ross.Dickman@noaa.gov](mailto:I.Ross.Dickman@noaa.gov)

Using e-mail with the above distribution will keep our regional folks “in the loop”.

### **Installation:**

1. What is your 3-letter site ID?
2. When did you install IFPS 15.3 (i.e., the date/time)?
3. How long did the install take?
  - ☐ <15 minutes
  - ☐ <30 minutes
  - ☐ <1 hour
  - ☐ >1 hour
4. Overall, how did the installation go?
  - ☐ No problems
  - ☐ Problems, resolved in a timely fashion
  - ☐ Problems, not resolved

If your problem was not resolved, please explain the nature of the problem and its current status.

5. Did you require support from the NCF or MDL during the installation?
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ NoIf yes, explain the type of support:
6. If so, did a support person contact you quickly?
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ NoIf no, explain how long it took and why to the best of your understanding:
7. Were the questions or problems resolved to your satisfaction?
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ NoIf no, explain which questions/problems are still outstanding:

**GFE Testing:**

WFO sites participating in IFPS15.3 alpha/beta testing **should respond to the following questions listed below:**

1. Was your site able to successfully use GFE in normal operations?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable  
If your response is 'No', then please explain why.
2. Was your site able to successfully use Daily Forecast Critique (DFC)?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable  
If your response is 'No', then please explain why.
3. Was your site able to successfully use initialize grids?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable  
If your response is 'No', then please explain why.
4. Was your site able to successfully populate grids?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable  
If your response is 'No', then please explain why.
5. Was your site able to successfully generate all of its operational text products?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable  
If your response is 'No', then please explain why.
7. Was your site able to successfully use all GFE edit tools?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable  
If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

8. Was your site able to successfully generate all of its operational image products?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

9. Was your site able to successfully perform ISC?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

**NOTE:** IFPS15.3 GFE Release Notes, Highlights, Enhancements, Bug Fixes, and information regarding new functionality as well as known Bugs are described at the following URLs:

- [http://www-md.fsl.noaa.gov/eft/ifps15doc/onlinehelp/CHANGES\\_BUGS\\_FIXES\\_HIGHLIGHTS.html](http://www-md.fsl.noaa.gov/eft/ifps15doc/onlinehelp/CHANGES_BUGS_FIXES_HIGHLIGHTS.html)
- <http://www-md.fsl.noaa.gov/eft/ifps15doc/onlinehelp/README.html>

**To test any of the enhancements described at the URL listed above, be sure to follow all of the instructions provided. Also please provide us with information regarding your success of failure in testing the new GFE functionality.**

**IFPS Testing:**

WFO sites participating in IFPS15.3 alpha/beta testing **should respond to the following questions listed below:**

1. Was your site able to both enable and disable the “NO IGR” Option?

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/func/NO\\_IGR\\_Test\\_Procedures.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/func/NO_IGR_Test_Procedures.html)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

If your response is ‘No’, then please explain why.

2. Was your site able to successfully execute data transitions (e.g., Grids->Stations and Grids->Zones)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

If your response is ‘No’, then please explain why.

3. Was your site able to successfully launch and use ICS?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

If your response is ‘No’, then please explain why.

4. Was your site able to successfully launch and use IGR?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

If your response is ‘No’, then please explain why.

5. Was your site able to successfully use the Fix-It Menu options?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

If your response is ‘No’, then please explain why.

6. After loading IFPS15.3, was your site's grid domain correct?

☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

7. When necessary, was your site able to successfully update zone forecasts?

☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

8. Was your site able to change to/from 10-503 product format?

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/custom/tasks/10\\_503\\_config.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/custom/tasks/10_503_config.html)

☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

9. When necessary, was your site able to successfully issue W/W/As?

☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

10. Was your site able to successfully perform Service Backup?

☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

**(NOTE:** Service Backup ***should only be attempted with an IFPS14 site or another IFPS15.x site.*** Also, **BEFORE** attempting to enter service backup, please open a Trouble Ticket with the NCF and request an SST staff member be available, if needed, to assistance your site through the Service Backup process.)

Please see the links listed below for additional details and information on how to initiate and complete Service Backup.

**Phase II: Service Backup**

- [http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/over/svc\\_backup\\_over.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/over/svc_backup_over.htm)
- [http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/func/svc\\_backup\\_func.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/func/svc_backup_func.htm)
- [http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/tech/svc\\_backup\\_tech.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/tech/svc_backup_tech.htm)
- [http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/trouble/svc\\_backup\\_trouble.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/trouble/svc_backup_trouble.htm)
- [http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/faq/svc\\_backup\\_faq.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/faq/svc_backup_faq.htm)

11. Was your site able to successfully edit static local effects?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

Please see the link listed below for additional details and information on how to initiate edit static local effects.

**Edit Static Local Effects**

- [http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/func/config\\_geo\\_func.htm#EditStaticLE](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/func/config_geo_func.htm#EditStaticLE)

12. Was your site able to ingest 2.5 km MOS data?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

13. Was your site able to activate "Streamlined Service Area Forecast (streamsaf)?"

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user\\_guide\\_ifps15/custom/streamsaf15.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/icwf/user_guide_ifps15/custom/streamsaf15.htm)

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable

If your response is 'No', then please explain why.

**Additional Comments:**

**Thanks very much for your help!**